



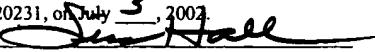
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace lines 4-14, page 47 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

The illustrative block diagram drawings of **Figures L11-L14** together with a reference to **Figure D3** shall be used to explain how the propagate transport process can be used to drive parameterized selective symbol substitution in accordance with a presently preferred embodiment of the invention. In other words, an explanation is provided for of the contribution